

# Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Discretionary Funding Information Sheet

<b>Introduction</b>	This document details how CSBG discretionary funding will be awarded for targeted and special needs initiatives.
<b>Authority</b>	State Government Code Section 12786 provides the Director of CSD the authority to set aside up to 5 percent of the total Community Services Block Grant for discretionary use. By law, uses include special projects, training, technical assistance, and special support.
<b>Use of funds</b> <i>1. Targeted Initiatives</i>	It is the Department's intent to allocate up to \$1 million in discretionary funds on an annual basis to CSBG providers for up to four network-recommended initiatives.
<b>Additional Use of funds</b> <i>2. Special Needs</i>	<p>The remainder of funds will be used to support non profit, agency specific needs. The Director of CSD considers the following when deciding whether to grant a non-competitive discretionary contract:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Unanticipated one-time needs</li><li>2. Innovative projects</li><li>3. Natural disasters</li><li>4. Technical assistance and training for vulnerable or "at risk" agencies</li><li>5. Local impact and partnerships</li><li>6. Sustainability/Capacity Building and leveraging of resources</li><li>7. Governor's initiatives (e.g. obesity, children's health)</li></ol> <p><b>Note:</b> Requests to backfill funding reductions, and long-term obligations are generally not approved.</p>
<b>Who is eligible</b>	Network Agencies that are in good standing with CSD (clean audits, timely reporting, etc.) may apply for discretionary funding.
<b>Exceptions</b>	On an exception basis, non-profit organizations outside the network may apply for, and be awarded funding at the discretion of the Director.